

Primary and Secondary Sources

Write “P” if the example is a primary source and “S” if it is a secondary source.

_____ Marriage certificate of Abraham Lincoln and Mary Todd Lincoln

_____ Biography of Abraham Lincoln

_____ Doctoral dissertation on the occupations of citizens in Gettysburg at the time of the battle

_____ Letter from U.S. Grant to Abraham Lincoln

_____ Photograph of soldiers at Antietam

_____ Civil War Encyclopedia

_____ The Gettysburg Address

_____ 1860 census of Buffalo, New York

_____ NEWSWEEK article on Lee’s surrender at Appomattox

_____ Annual report of the Union Army 1861

_____ Death certificate of Abraham Lincoln

_____ Newspaper article written July 2007 about the Battle of Shiloh

_____ Diary of Robert E. Lee

_____ Newspaper article written July 1863 about the Battle of Gettysburg

_____ U.S. History textbook

_____ Birth certificate of Ulysses S. Grant

_____ Program from Ford’s Theatre, April 14, 1865

_____ Union army uniform belonging to General McClellan

A primary source is usually created during the time period by an eye-witness or a participant. True False

A primary source is usually created after a secondary source. True False

A secondary source can contain primary sources. True False

Give 2 examples of artifacts that are primary sources of your own life:

Name _____ Period _____